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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IDB LOAN - PASO SEVERINO WATER SUPPLY

REF: (A) MONTEVIDEO 954; (B) MONTEVIDEO 900

- 1. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG CONCERNED USG AGENCIES, BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY IDB PROJECT DOCUMENT, INDICATE A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT FSO FUNDING WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE PASO SEVERINO WATER SUPPLY PROJECT.
- 2. PASO SEVERINO IS A BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITY OF MONTEVIDEO. THE WATER SUPPLY THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE BENEFITS THE ENTIRE SERVICE AREA AND IS NOT RESTRICTED TO THE POORER INHABITANTS. SLIGHTLY INCREASED USER CHARGES SHOULD BE ADEQUATE TO PAY INTEREST AND AMORTIZATION ON AN ALL ORDINARY CAPITAL LOAN. THE NEED FOR CONCESSIONAL FINANCING DOES NOT SEEM TO BE JUSTIFIED.

- 3. THE USE OF FSO FUNDS IN PASO SEVERINO TO RELEASE OTHER OSE (STATE WATER UTILITY) FUNDS FOR OTHER PROJECTS IS CLEARLY INAPPROPRIATE. IF OSE NEEDS FUNDS TO INSTALL WATER SYSTEMS IN POOR INTERIOR TOWNS, IT SHOULD APPLY FOR FSO FUNDING FOR THEM DIRECTLY AND ALLOW THESE PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR OWN MERITS.
- 4. FYI THE IDB STAFF IN WASHINGTON HAS INFORMALLY TOLD US THAT THEY CONSIDER THE PASO SEVERINO PROJECT TO BE VERY POORLY DRAWN-UP. THEY DO NOT CONSIDER IT A PRIORITY PROJECT.
- 5. AT PRESENT THERE ARE MOVES IN THE US CONGRESS TO ALLOW THE US IDB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MORE FLEXIBILITY IN APPLYING OUR HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. THESE BILLS ARE STILL IN COMMITTEE HOWEVER.
- 6. THE LIKELY USG OPPOSITION TO PASO SEVERINO MAY STILL BE INTERPRETED BY THE GOU AS BEING POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. THERE IS PROBABLY VERY LITTLE THAT WE OR YOU CAN DO TO COUNTERACT THIS IMPRESSION, AS OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE FISHERIES LOAN SUGGESTS.
- 7. AS REQUESTED IN REF. (A), DEPARTMENT WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF DELAYING CONSIDERATION OF THIS LOAN BY THE IDB TO ALLOW FOR A "COOLING OFF" PERIOD. WE WILL REPORT PROGRESS IN THIS EFFORT SUBSEQUENTLY. END FYI. VANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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